
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7216](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3836/1} (Provides for the authorized taking of mushrooms from public lands.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7221](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Filippi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- JURY NULLIFICATION AS PROPER TRIAL DEFENSE ARGUMENT {LC4190/1} (This joint resolution would propose to the voters a constitutional amendment which would allow a criminal defendant to argue jury nullification as a defense.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7254](#)

BY Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Newberry, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT {LC3310/1} (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, set regulations for the sale of hemp, regulate virtual and digital assets, and establish depository banks for these purposes.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7255](#)

BY J Lombardi, Morales, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS {LC3748/1} (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7321](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO STATE OR PRIVATE BUSINESSES ACT {LC4322/1}

(Prohibits public agencies and private businesses from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccine before permitting any individual from entering the building or business unless that business precluded access in common practice prior to COVID-19 pandemic.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7424](#)

BY O'Brien, Alzate, Cardillo, Kazarian, Hawkins, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING {LC4300/1} (Established player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7426](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC4527/1} (Amends the composition of the state building code standards committee.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7427](#)

BY Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Abney, Potter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC4295/1} (Requires that the division of vital records shall ensure the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7429](#)

BY Baginski, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS POLLING PLACE CAP {LC4525/1} (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7469](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT {LC4471/1} (Includes domestic pets as eligible to use medical marijuana if certified by a licensed veterinarian.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7470](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Amore, Barros, Baginski, Kazarian, Morales, McEntee, Marszalkowski, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES {LC4550/1} (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe as a Native American Indian tribe.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7471](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Amore, Barros, Baginski, Solomon, Kazarian, Morales, McEntee, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES {LC4551/1} (Provides a procedure for a Native American tribe to petition the state for recognition.)

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02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

HouseStateGovernmentandElections@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
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DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website.

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VERBAL TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. Masks are mandatory in committee hearings and in the State House.

Please take note of the procedure for verbal testimony over the phone:

***DEADLINE: Individuals may testify in person or over the phone. For phone testimony, the deadline to register is 4:00 pm the day prior. To register, complete the [FORM](#) or sign-up in person with the committee clerk.**

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Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called and in some cases, it may be at a late hour. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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